Proposal for Setting up of Alumina Plants

686. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up new Alumina Plants;

(b) if so, the States where those new Alumina plants are proposed to be set up;

(c) whether any new Alumina Plant is proposed to be set up in Orissa during the remaining period of the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the site selected therefor; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) The Government does not have any proposal to set up any new public Sector Alumina plant.

(b) to (e) Question does not arise.

Steps to Increase subsidy in Agricultural Sector

687. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for a substantial increase in the Subsidy for the development of agricultural sector in the country particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to check the prices of agricultural inputs at reasonable level in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) Agricultural inputs like seeds, fertilisers etc. are affected by market forces. Urea fertiliser is under statutory price control and sold at uniform price throughout the country. Subsidy on urea under Retention Price-cum-Subsidy Scheme is worked out separately both on indigenous and imported urea and its quantum depends on actual consumption. Besides, Government of India is providing concession of Rs. 1000/- per tonne on MOP and indigenous DAP, Rs. 340/- per tonne on SSP and between Rs. 435—999 per tonne on indigenous complexes on sale of these fertilisers to the farmers so as to cushion the impact of rise in their prices subsequent to decontrol. No decision to increase the per tonne concession indicated above has been taken.

These steps benefit all farmers in the country including Punjab.

**Written Answers to Starred and Unstarred Questions set for the 30th November, 1995*

Use of Electronic Equipment for Public Health

688. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: SHRI V . RAJESHWAR RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what initiatives have been taken by the Department of Electronics for developing electronic equipment in the areas of Public Health;

(b) what are the details of such equipment and what is their cost; and

(c) what is being done to popularies these products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Department of Electronics is conducting a comprehensive Programme "Electronics

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* The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on 30th November, 95 was adjourned as a mark of respect in memory of Shri Dinesh Singh. Answers to questions put down in lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on 1st December, 1995.

for Health Care" focussing on development of Electro-medical equipment for Mass Health Care, Health Informatics, Rehabilitation, sensors etc. for improvement of public health.

(b) the details of on-going projects in electronics for health care are given in the statement (see below). The Department of Electronics has set up thirteen Electro-medical Equipment Maintenance Centres in different States in association with State Electronics Development Corporations.

(c) The Department of Electronics is closely interacting with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Welfare in the Centre and in various States for promoting electronic technologies in the Public Health areas. The Department of Electronics is also participating in various seminars and workshops to popularise indigenous technologies. Technology transfer is being effected to manufacturing organisations and in all its development programmes, the Department of Electronics is associating leading medical institutions.

Statement

List of R&D Projects under Electronics in Health Care

(in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Project Title	Executing Agency	Project cost
Diagnosis Related Equipment			
1.	Development of Digital Radiography System (Picture Archieval & Communication System)	ER&DC, Trivandrum SCTIMST, Trivandrum	49.00
2.	Development of Computerised Gamma Camera System	ECIL, Hyderabad	20.70
3.	Design & Fabritation of a Uroflowmeter	IIT, Kanpur	6.00
4.	Dev. of Esophageal pH & Pressure Monitoring System	AIIMS, New Delhi	15.43
5.	Dev. of Comprehensive Red and white Cell Rheometer	IIT, Bombay	20.00
6.	Development of Microprocessor Controlled ELISA Reader	ECIL, Hyderabad	8.07
Preventive Equipment			
1.	Expert System for Early Detection of Breast Cancer	WEBEL, Calcutta	13.00
2.	Design and Dev. of Microprocessor Based Arrhythmia Monitoring System	IISc., Bangalore	20.22
3.	Dev. of Non-invasive Blood Pressure Transducer Measuring System	IIT, Kharagpur	9.91
Rehabilitation			
1.	Communication Aids for the Spastics	IIT, Delhi	9.03
2.	Braille Reproduction Aid with Indian Languages and Semi-Automatic Computer Recognition of Braille Script.	Ramakrishna Mission Blind Boys Academy, Calcutta	16.24

(in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Project Title	Executing Agency	Project cost
3.	Development of Career Opportunity for the Blind in the Field of Computer Utilisation	CSI, Bombay TIFR, Bombay	9.32
Sensor			
1.	Dev. of An Auditory Evoked Potential and Biomedical Electrode System	National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences, Bangalore	13.14
2.	Thin Film Biomedical Blood Pressure Transducer	IISc. Bangalore	15.62
3.	Design & Development of New Anorectral (Intubation) Pressure Transducer for Clinical use.	AIIMS, New Delhi.	18.44
Mass Health Care/Mother & Child Care			
1.	Dev. of Neonatal Equipment (Pulse Oximeter)	CSIO, Chandigarh	12.29
2.	Hemoglobinometer/Weighing Scale for Mother & Child/Data Recorder	IIT Delhi	—
Post Operative Care			
1.	Design, Development and Clinical Evaluation of Patient Controlled Analgesia for Post-operative Pain Relief	IIT, Kharagpur AIIMS, New Delhi	9.78

Surrender by the Militants

*62. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a large number of Pakistan trained militants operating in Jammu and Kashmir have surrendered themselves before the State Government officers;

(b) if so, the number of such surrenders during 1994 and 1995;

(c) whether any rehabilitation programme has been drawn for these persons to keep them away from reverting to militancy in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per details furnished by the State Government, 8 such militants have surrendered in 1994 and 209 in 1995 (till November 15).

(c) and (d) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have announced a Surrender Policy on August 15, 1995. Salient features of the Policy are as follows:—

(i) The surrenderees are first kept in a Transit Camp from where those willing to stay in the Rehabilitation Centre are transferred to it. At the Rehabilitation Centre, they are kept for four to six months which is extendable to eight months.